



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Kubota *et al.*

Confirmation No.: 7343

Application No.: 09/678,953

Group Art Unit: 1632

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Examiner: Thaian N. Ton

For: METHODS OF ISOLATING BIPOTENT
HEPATIC PROGENITOR CELLS

Attorney Docket No. 069961-0401

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

February 24, 2006

P.O. BOX 1450
Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 24, 2005, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks and further petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response for three months from November 24, 2005 to February 24, 2006. Applicants further submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Information Disclosure Statement.

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$905.00 to cover the Extension fee and RCE fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Formalities: Please change the Attorney Docket No. to "069961-0401."

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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